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ISLAMABAD: President Dr. Arif Alvi administering the oath of office to Justice Qazi Faez Isa as Chief Justice of Pakistan, at Aiwan-e-Sadr.

Justice Qazi Faez Isa sworn in as 29th Chief Justice of Pakistan

ISLAMABAD (INP): Justice Qazi Faez Isa has taken oath as 29th Chief Justice of Pakistan (CJP). President Dr. Arif Alvi administered the oath. High-ranking government and military officials, caretaker Prime Minister, federal ministers, senators, foreign ambassadors, and other dignitaries witnessed the oath taking ceremony.

The ceremony began with the recitation of the Holy Quran, following which the notification for Justice Isa's appointment was read out. The president then administered the oath to Justice Isa, whose wife

Sarina Isa stood by his side. Born in Quetta on October 26, 1959, Justice Qazi Faez Isa is the son of the late Qazi Mohammad Isa of Pishin, who was in the forefront of the Pakistan Movement and a close associate of Quaid-i-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah.

Justice Isa's father was the first person from the province to acquire the Bar-at-Law degree and helped establish the All India Muslim League in Balochistan after his return from London. His father had served as the only member on the Central Working

Committee of the All India Muslim League from Balochistan.

Begum Saida Isa, Justice Isa's mother, was a social worker and worked in an honorary capacity on the boards of hospitals and other charitable organisations which focused on education, children and women's health issues.

After completing his primary and secondary education in Quetta, Isa moved to Karachi to finish his 'O' and 'A' levels from the Karachi Grammar School (KGS). He then went on to study law from London, where he com-

pleted his Bar Professional Examination from the Inns of Court School Law, London. Justice Isa enrolled as an Advocate of the Balochistan High Court on January 30, 1985, and as an Advocate Supreme Court in March 1998. He has practised law for over 27 years before the High Courts of Pakistan, the Federal Shariat Court and the Supreme Court of Pakistan. He became a member of the Balochistan High Court Bar Association, Sindh High Court Bar Association and Life Member of the Supreme Court Bar Association of Pakistan.

Governor KP hosts dinner for Sindh, Balochistan Governors

PESHAWAR (APP): Governor Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Haji Ghulam Ali on Sunday hosted a prestigious dinner in honor of the Governors of Sindh and Balochistan.

The dinner ceremony took place at the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa House in Islamabad which was participated by Governor Sindh Kamran Tessori and Governor Balochistan Abdul Wali Khan Kakar.

During the dinner, the Governors engaged in discussions regarding the overall state of affairs, provincial administration, and financial matters of their respective regions.

The event also served as an opportunity for the three Governors to enhance

bilateral relations and cooperation between their provinces.

The meeting highlighted discussions on promoting economic activities, creating business opportunities, and strengthening trade ties to boost national economic stability.

Additionally, they delved into the administrative and financial challenges faced by universities in providing quality higher education.

The ceremony not only celebrated the cultural diversity and unity of Pakistan but also underlined the importance of collaboration and dialogue between provinces to address common challenges and foster development across the country.

Jazeera appointed 1st-ever woman SC registrar

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Chief Justice of Pakistan (CJP) has appointed Ms. Jazeela Aslam as Registrar Supreme Court (SC).

Likewise, Dr. Muhammad Mushtaq Ahmed had been appointed as Secretary to the CJP while Abdul Sadiq is appointed as staff officer, said a press release issued here on Sunday. It said that before her appointment as Registrar SC, Jazeela Aslam was serving as the District and Sessions Judge Okara, and in the same position, she has served in Kasur and Sialkot. She is the senior most lady District and Sessions Judge in Punjab. It said that Jazeela Aslam had joined the judicial service as Civil Judge and judicial magistrate in 1994. She has also served as Deputy Solicitor and as an instructor at Federal Judicial Academy.

BJP gov't can carry out false flag operation to win elections: Sultan

ISLAMABAD (INP): Azad Jammu and Kashmir President Barrister Sultan Mehmood Chaudhry has said that the fascist Indian government led by Narendra Modi can carry out any false flag operation like in the past to win the general elections next year.

Barrister Sultan Mehmood Chaudhry expressed these views during a conversation with the Chairman of the Self-Determination Movement International, Raja Najabat Hussain, who met him today at Kashmir House,

Islamabad.

Barrister Sultan said that the violation of human rights by around one million Indian forces' personnel is on the rise in occupied Jammu and Kashmir. He maintained that the international community should play its role to stop the ongoing Indian state terrorism in the occupied territory. The AJK President said that Kashmiri immigrants living abroad should be the voice of oppressed Kashmiris and expose the Indian atrocities in the occupied territory.



ISLAMABAD: Balochistan Governor Malik Abdul Wali Kakar and Sindh Governor Kamran Tessori participating in the dinner hosted by Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Governor Haji Ghulam Ali.

PIA flight operations returning to normal

KARACHI (INP): The Pakistan International Airlines (PIA) flight operations return to normal after a timely supply of fuel supply.

The flight operation was affected following delays and suspensions caused by a shortage of funds and failure to pay Pakistan State Oil (PSO) for fuel supply.

PIA spokesperson said that the flight operations are gradually returning to normal.

A total of 85 flights are scheduled to depart from airports across the country on Sunday (today), with 25 being domestic flights and 60 international flights.

PM Kakar leaves for US to address 78th UNGA session

ISLAMABAD (APP): Caretaker Prime Minister Anwar-ul-Haq Kakar on Sunday proceeded on a five-day official visit to attend the 78th session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA 78) in New York, United States.

During his stay, the prime minister will hold meetings with the global leaders on the sidelines of the session, PM Office Media Wing said in a press release. The caretaker prime minister will also attend an important conference on climate change. PM Kakar is also scheduled to interact with the international media and visit prominent US think tanks.

During this high-level debate, he will engage in discussions concerning a range of pressing global issues. His address to the UNGA on September 22 is keenly anticipated and is expected to shed light on Pakistan's perspectives on the current global landscape.

Caretaker Foreign Minister Jalil Abbas Jilani during this diplomatic mission, further reinforcing Pakistan's commitment to global cooperation and multilateralism.

Sources privy to the matter said that on the sidelines of the UNGA session, Prime Minister Kakar is likely to engage in crucial meetings with the heads of state from several important nations, including China, the United Kingdom, and Saudi Arabia.



LAHORE: PML-N Senior Vice President and Chief Organizer Maryam Nawaz presides over the party meeting at Model Town. Former chief Minister Punjab Hamza Shahbaz is also present.

Attempts at subtracting Nawaz Sharif from politics have failed: Maryam

LAHORE (INP): Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) Senior Vice President and party's Chief Organizer Maryam Nawaz said on Sunday that former prime minister and the PML-N supreme Nawaz Sharif stood vindicated, and now it was time for Pakistan's triumph.

Addressing meetings of different party wings as part of preparations for giving a warm reception to Nawaz on his homecoming next month, she said that every attempt to subtract former prime minister from politics failed.

"By the grace of Almighty Allah, respect for Nawaz Sharif in people's hearts has increased," she claimed.

Former Punjab Chief Minister and PML-N leader Hamza Shehbaz was also present in the meetings.

Maryam was of the view that the people of Pakistan had to pay the price for Nawaz's ouster.

She expressed the hope that from today courts would do justice to the Sharif family. "I pray to the Almighty Allah that justice should be for all.

She opined that prejudice against the party supreme was actually against the country and the nation. "What Pakistan needs is a fresh beginning."

PML-N's chief organizer said, and stressed the need for ridding the country of politics of confrontation, violence and vengeance.

She expressed the resolve that after coming to power, the party would develop all parts of the country, including Sindh. "Our war is against inflation, poverty and bad governance," she asserted.

CJP forms full court for SC Practice and Procedure Act hearing

ISLAMABAD (INP): Chief Justice of Pakistan Qazi Faez Isa on Sunday constituted full court headed by him for hearing the Supreme Court (Practice and Procedure) Act 2023 on Monday (tomorrow). An eight-judge larger bench of the apex court headed by the former CJP Umar Ata Bandial, had suspended the enforcement of the Supreme Court (Practice & Procedure) Act, 2023 on April 13.

Justice Qazi Faez Isa who sworn in as the 29th chief justice of Pakistan today, has constituted bench for the Supreme Court (Practice and Procedure)

Act hearing.

The Supreme Court (Practice and Procedure) Act 2023 — a bill that required the formation of benches on constitutional matters of public importance by a committee of three senior judges will be heard by a supreme court bench on Monday (tomorrow). The legislation limits the powers of the Chief Justice of Pakistan to take suo motu notice and to constitute benches on his own.

It gives the power of taking suo motu notice to a three-member committee comprising the chief justice and two senior most judges of the court.

Bilawal pays tribute to Murtaza

ISLAMABAD (APP): Chairman Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) Bilawal Bhutto Zardari has paid glowing tribute to Shaheed Mir Murtaza Bhutto on his 69th birth anniversary.

According to the press release issued by Media Cell Bilawal House on Sunday, he said in his message on the birth anniversary of Shaheed Mir Murtaza Bhutto, that Mir was a brave and bold personality.

He said that the unique style of affable and mingling with people was the hallmark of Shaheed Mir Murtaza Bhutto, which Pakistanis continue to remember even today.



KARACHI: Jamat-e-Islami (JI) Karachi Chief, Hafiz Naeem-ur-Rehman addresses to media persons during press conference held at Idara-e-Noor-ul-Haq in Karachi.

Hafiz Naeem gives call for Karachi shutdown tomorrow

KARACHI (INP): Jamaat-e-Islami (JI) Karachi chief Hafiz Naeem-ur-Rehman has given a call for citywide shutdown on September 19 (Tuesday) to protest against the inflation and inflated electricity bills.

While addressing a press conference today, Hafiz Naeem-ur-Rehman appealed Karachiites for an all-out protest in the city on September 19 by jamming all major arteries in Karachi. Later in the day, the JI leader also presided a sit-in protest at Shahrah-e-Faisal.

Reduce the petroleum products prices or face the music, the JI leader told the caretaker government at a press conference held at Idara Noor-e-Haq, the JI

Karachi headquarters, here on Sunday. Later in the day, the JI leader also presided a sit-in protest at Shahrah-e-Faisal.

Speaking at the presser, the JI Karachi chief said that youth would take to 15 designated points on Tuesday evening and jam all designated points by turning off their vehicles.

The JI leader strongly lambasted the caretaker government and dubbed it a continuation of the legacy of the previous coalition government, a press release read.

He said that the caretaker government has increased the PoL prices for the third time in just a single month.

Killers of scholars will be exposed soon, Aneeq

KARACHI (Online): Caretaker Federal Minister for Religious Affairs Aneeq Ahmed has said that insulting the Quran and the Prophet (peace be upon him) is unacceptable, measures are being taken to prevent insulting content on social media.

Killing of scholars and attacks on them is a very serious issue, the investigative agencies have reached the suspects involved in these incidents, very soon the names of the killers will be brought before the public.

He expressed these views while talking to the media after meeting former Reut-e-Hilal Committee Chairman Mufti Muneebur Rehman in Karachi on Saturday. The Caretaker Federal Minister said that the problems faced by the country will gradually reduce.

Ulema of the country are requested to take the nation out of despair.

Desecration of Holy Quran, religious figures unacceptable: Aneeq

ISLAMABAD (APP): Caretaker Minister for Religious Affairs and Interfaith Harmony, Aneeq Ahmed, reiterated the government's stance on blasphemy and hate speech, emphasizing that the desecration of the Holy Quran and religious figures was unacceptable.

He, in a recent meeting with former Reut-e-Hilal Committee Chairman Mufti Muneeb-ur-Rehman, announced proactive measures to curb blasphemous content on social media platforms. Aneeq also highlighted the gravity of attacks on religious scholars, stating that investigations had led authorities closer to identifying the perpetrators, whose names would soon be revealed to the public.

He underlined the ongoing efforts to address the nation's issues, expressing gratitude for the support

and cooperation of religious scholars. He encouraged religious scholars to keep the public optimistic, stressing the government's responsibility to resolve their concerns.

Addressing rising inflation, Minister Aneeq acknowledged its impact but assured that progress was being made stating, "Our direction is right, and we are moving forward." Furthermore, he discussed the need to amend laws governing social media content to prevent the spread of blasphemy. Proposals for stricter social media regulation had been suggested, he added. Mufti Muneeb-ur-Rehman said the blasphemy law had been passed by the Parliament and awaiting for the President's signature. He emphasized the importance of the law's enactment, similar to the Official Secrets Act.

Corrupt policing system main hurdle to development: Shakoor

KARACHI (INP): Pasban Democratic Party (PDP) Chairman Altaf Shakoor here Sunday said that our corrupt and outdated policing system is the main hurdle to over development as this system instead of fighting crimes is promoting them. He said we inherited our policing system from our British colonial rulers and failed as yet to develop it as per our own needs. He said this system is filthy and corrupt in its core from top to bottom.

He said in fact our policemen are paid salaries from the taxpayers money for looting and fleecing them. He said all sorts of mafia in our country are backed, supported and protected by police officers. He said when the common

man says that our cop is the biggest thief it is not very far from the truth.

Altaf Shakoor said corrupt police are involved in all sorts of crime from peddling drugs to encroaching upon and selling government lands. He said hoarding, smuggling and black marketing is not possible without overt and covert support of the police department. He said our traffic police loot drivers more than regulating traffic on streets. He said sadly our police stations have become dens of bribery.

Altaf Shakoor demanded an overhaul of the police department on modern lines. He urged use of computers, surveillance cameras and artificial intelligence in policing matters.

Pervaiz Elahi re-arrested on terror charges

LAHORE (INP): Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) President Pervaiz Elahi was re-arrested in a terrorism case shortly after the Lahore court discharged him in Master Plan case.

Elahi was presented before the duty judicial magistrate today a day after he was detained by the ACE. Sources said that Elahi will be moved to Adiala jail from Lahore in the evening.

On Saturday, the Anti-Corruption Establishment (ACE) Punjab took Pervaiz Elahi into custody a day after ATC had granted him bail in the Federal Judicial Complex (FJC) attack case.

The former Punjab chief minister was re-arrested by ACE team soon after his release from Adiala jail.



KARACHI: Senior Deputy Convener MQM-P Syed Mustafa Kamal addressing the general workers convention.

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Hoping for supremacy of Constitution with new CJP

Finally Mr. Justice Qazi Faez Isa was sworn in as the 29th Chief Justice of Pakistan following the retirement of his predecessor Mr. Justice Umar Ata Bandial a day earlier. President Dr Arif Alvi administered the oath with high-ranking government and military officials including caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar, Army Chief General Asim Munir, senators, foreign ambassadors, and other dignitaries in attendance during the ceremony held at the President House in Islamabad. Justice Isa's tenure as the country's chief justice will be relatively brief, as he is slated to retire from the top judicial post on October 25, 2024. He took the oath as the apex court's judge on September 5, 2014. Despite being the senior puisne judge, he was not assigned any constitutional case for the past three years following a presidential reference filed against him in 2019. The newly-appointed top judge of the country was born on October 26, 1959, in Quetta. His father, late Qazi Mohammad Isa, was a prominent leader in the Pakistan Movement and a close associate of Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah. After completing his initial education in Quetta, Justice Isa pursued O and A levels studies from the Karachi Grammar School. He then moved to London to pursue his higher education in law to complete the bar professional examination at the Inns of Court School of Law. He joined the Balochistan High Court on January 30, 1985, and became an advocate of the Supreme Court in March 1998. After an emergency was declared during the Pervez Musharraf era in November 3, 2007, Justice Isa decided not to appear before judges who took oath under the Provisional Constitutional Order (PCO). At the same time, after the decision of November 3 was annulled by the Supreme Court, the Balochistan High Court judges resigned, while Justice Isa was directly appointed as the judge of the provincial high court on August 5, 2009. He remained associated with the field of law for 27 years before being appointed as a judge in the Balochistan High Court and the Supreme Court. During this time, his assistance was sought in various important cases by different high courts and the Supreme Court, as well as for handling international arbitrations. For the past five months, Justice Isa — who took the oath as an SC judge on September 5, 2014 — has engaged in chamber work only. As a form of protest following his disagreement with chief justice on suo motu powers, he has refrained from participating in any cases. In March this year, Justice Isa and Justice Qazi Ameenuddin issued a ruling, stating that hearing of all cases under Article 184(3) should be suspended until the apex court first makes its rules with regards to the SC's Practice and Procedure Act. With a 45-year-long career in the legal field, Justice Isa possesses a rich background. Prior to his judicial appointment, he contributed articles on various topics, such as the Constitution, law, Islam, and the environment, to Pakistan's leading English news publications.

What's the point?



Muna Khan

One of my favourite parts about teaching is learning from students. Whether it's something inane like who is Ducky Bhai to important issues like climate change and all things related to gender, I think teaching has helped me understand what urban youngsters care about. In the last few weeks, I've learned the news industry isn't on their care list, neither is any political party — including the PTL. Let me help you place these students. When shown his official portrait, they did not recognise Asim Munir and when told it's the army chief, only one student correctly guessed his name. They could not believe Altaf Hussain had the power to shut down a city over a phone call. That too rotary because they have only known mobile phones as a normal form of communication. They did not know the reference to Pink Floyd in the great headline by the Hindu on the launch of Chandrayaan 3: "India lights up the dark side of the moon." They rarely watch TV and many could not remember when they last held a physical newspaper. Their trust in most institutions is broken. They are not hopeful. Please do not mistake this as an attempt to mock or worse, disrespect them. They are some of the brightest students I've taught and, also, more compassionate in their approach to hypothetical issues I make them address as if they were employed in a newspaper. They ask thoughtful questions and so far,

always side with the victim, the oppressed, the underdog. While they may dislike the current state of the media, they want it to improve because they understand just how big a threat disinformation poses to society. We'd be lucky to employ any of them in our newsrooms. But most of them want to leave Pakistan. Although it is a media literacy class, I try to link things back to democracy — for example, how access to fair and diverse reporting benefits audiences and allows them to make better informed decisions when it comes to voting. I remind them they are a large demographic and have the power to influence policies with their vote. But the other day in class, when I suggested everyone vote even if just for the experience, one student asked: what is the point? I had no answer. All the pundits tell us that deals have been set and preparations are underway for the PML-N to return to power. It explains other parties' posturing on holding elections as soon as possible because they know they've lost a seat at a table decided by others and are preparing strategies to save face. I invite any of their leaders to my class to convince my students to vote, let alone for them. There is a huge disconnect between parties and this youth bulge which free laptops will not fix. Despite the growth in the global voter population and the number of countries that hold elections, the global average voter turnout has decreased significantly since the early 1990s, according to a report by the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance. Interestingly, that decline "has occurred in parallel with the emergence of many negative voices about the state of democracy

around the world". Low turnout figures aren't limited to developing countries. "Plummeting voter turnout in Europe", which has the largest number of established democracies, "is a worrying phenomenon" it adds. There are 'significant' gender differences in voter turnouts; female participation was lowest in Pakistan. To remind, women were banned from voting in KP's constituency PK-23 in Shangla in the last election. One of the reasons for low turnouts is "economic hardship [which] can result in voter apathy and lead people to withdraw from politics and focus on meeting their basic needs". At the rate fuel prices are rising in Pakistan, folks may not even be able to afford commuting to their polling stations. Many countries have mandated compulsory voting which will of course result in higher turnouts. I'd like to once again use this space to call for the inclusion of 'None of the Above' as an option. In January I wrote: "NOTA is a vote bank, they send a message to the political establishment and can mobilise change." NOTA will be less bloody. At some point, the injustice of social and economic divides will turn violent. History tells us this. In the last election, Pakistan had the largest percentage of young people ever recorded in its history, according to a UNDP report. Their votes matter but if you speak to lots of young folks, they think it's a sham. I believe NOTA's inclusion in the next election will give the disenchanted an opportunity to send a resounding message to the establishment and their civilian political party enablers. Listen to young people, most of whom are literally dying to leave this country. — Courtesy Dawn



Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhry

Life in developed countries pivots around the rule of law. Every citizen is subjected to the same laws, and no one is above the law. However, despite full consensus on the validity of the rule of law, there are always implementation gaps. Take the US, whose founding fathers stressed on equality of all men, freedom and liberty, human rights and the rule of law. Even so, slavery and racial discrimination continued in the US for a long time. American society struggled for two centuries to fill the gap between theory and practice of the rule of law, including a civil war in the 1860s and a civil rights movement led by Martin Luther King in the 1960s. Europe's case is no different. Centuries ago, voices were raised questioning the divine rights of kings. The 17th-century political theorist John Locke argued that every person has natural rights to life, liberty and property. For its time, this was a revolutionary idea; ever since, many European thinkers have contributed to liberalism and enlightenment with strong support for the rule of law. Europeans from various walks of life struggled hard against tyranny and discrimination for centuries before they succeeded in establishing the European Union, which holds together diverse societies through adherence to universal human rights and the rule of law. Another example is that of China, which has attained rapid economic progress, thanks mainly

The rule of law

to meritocracy and strict enforcement of the laws through a complex web of Pakistani society have developed a flawed sense of entitlement over and above the law of the land. If Pakistan is to become a developed state, governed by the rule of law, all citizens must be treated as equal before the law, regardless of ethnicity, faith, race or cultural disposition. Our leaders should act as role models by giving up overt displays of entitlement around public offices. Our governance model should embrace a genuine separation of powers between branches of the government (legislative, executive and judicial) for effective checks and balances. The French political philosopher Montesquieu had postulated in the 18th century that uniting these powers could lead to authoritarianism, as amply witnessed by Pakistan in its short history. We also need an independent judiciary that can withstand the political winds and restore people's confidence in the rule of law; and an education system that teaches children at an early stage about their civic rights and responsibilities as equal citizens of Pakistan. One caveat to all that is said above is that the law itself must be clear, universal in application, consistent across equivalent cases, easily knowable to the people, formulated after consultations and due diligence, and without retroactive effects. Applying law inconsistently and using it to harass political opponents undermines public faith in the rule of law. As Montesquieu said, there is no greater tyranny than that which is perpetuated under the shield of the law and in the name of justice. -- Courtesy Dawn

holders to religious extremists, some segments of Pakistani society have developed a flawed sense of entitlement over and above the law of the land. If Pakistan is to become a developed state, governed by the rule of law, all citizens must be treated as equal before the law, regardless of ethnicity, faith, race or cultural disposition. Our leaders should act as role models by giving up overt displays of entitlement around public offices. Our governance model should embrace a genuine separation of powers between branches of the government (legislative, executive and judicial) for effective checks and balances. The French political philosopher Montesquieu had postulated in the 18th century that uniting these powers could lead to authoritarianism, as amply witnessed by Pakistan in its short history. We also need an independent judiciary that can withstand the political winds and restore people's confidence in the rule of law; and an education system that teaches children at an early stage about their civic rights and responsibilities as equal citizens of Pakistan. One caveat to all that is said above is that the law itself must be clear, universal in application, consistent across equivalent cases, easily knowable to the people, formulated after consultations and due diligence, and without retroactive effects. Applying law inconsistently and using it to harass political opponents undermines public faith in the rule of law. As Montesquieu said, there is no greater tyranny than that which is perpetuated under the shield of the law and in the name of justice. -- Courtesy Dawn

Commerce News

Sindh Government approves Rs. 1.1 billion for development in SITE Hyderabad

HYDERABAD (APP): Secretary Industries Sindh Abdul Rasheed Solangi visited the secretariat of the Hyderabad Chamber of Small Traders and Small Industries (HCSTSI) on the invitation of the Chamber. During the visit, he informed the chamber that the Sindh government has approved 1.1 billion rupees for reconstruction of roads and drainage systems in SITE Hyderabad. He emphatically said that as soon as the government releases said amount, tenders will be issued for it, but along with this, a committee will also be formed consisting of representatives of this chamber and the SITE industries to oversee the infrastructure works at the SITE. The government will release the money to the

tenders upon their satisfactory report. According to a statement issued here on Sunday, he expressed these views while answering the questions of the business community during his visit to the Secretariat of the Hyderabad Chamber of Small Traders and Small Industries (HCSTSI). He said that the SITE was established in 1950 on 1264 acres with 497 industries where thousands of people were employed. He said that last week he visited SITE Hyderabad along with MD Site and met industrialists and investors and heard their problems, and during that visit, he personally witnessed the deteriorating situation of SITE Hyderabad. The SITE industrialists and investors stated the problems like



PESHAWAR: Members of Qaumi Watan Party (QWP Women Wing) are holding protest demonstration against massive unemployment, increasing price of daily use products, inflation price hiking and the highly inflated electricity bills, held at Peshawar press club

Business community hopeful of pulling the country out of difficulties: Siddiqui

HYDERABAD (APP): The President Hyderabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry (HCCI) Adeel Siddiqui has said that the business community was hopeful of pulling the country out of the present difficulties by striving hard to improve the national economy. He expressed these views while addressing at the oath-taking ceremony of the newly elected office bearers of Hyderabad glass bangles association here on Sunday. Adeel Siddiqui said that the glass bangles industry was among the oldest industry of Hyderabad. Haji Farid ud

Din Siddiqui established Indus Glass Works which counted among glass, utensils, glass bangles and fountain manufacturing companies in Asia. He said that Hyderabad was famous for bangle industry but if the name of glass bangle industrialist was included in the top ten names then it would be a matter of pride for us. He urged the traders community to unite for the improvement of the business. Adeel Siddiqui said that the HCCI was working for the welfare of traders and we would not let them alone. On this occasion, President Hyderabad

Glass Bangles Dealers Association Yameen Siddiqui and General Secretary Nadeem Siddiqui assured their support to serve the business community and said that the would should play its role in uplifting the bangle industry. Earlier, HCCI President Adeel Siddiqui administered oath to the newly elected office bearers. Former MPA Nadeem Siddiqui, Senior Vice President HCCI Najam ud Din Qureshi, Vice President Awais Khan, Vice President Anjum-e-Tajir Nabeel Siddiqui and others were also present on the occasion.

Punctuality of trains reached 92 percent in last four months; official

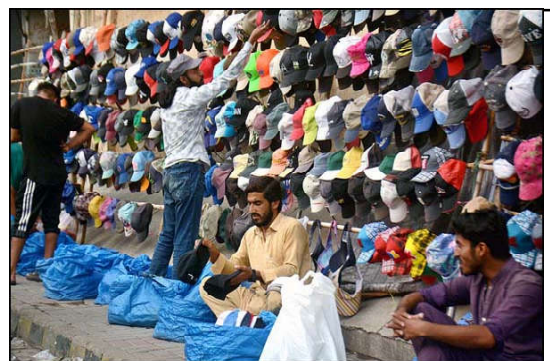
ISLAMABAD (APP): The overall punctuality ratio of trains has improved from 76 to 92 percent in four months owing to close monitoring and stern measures taken by Pakistan Railways at the divisional and ministry levels. "With the punctuality of trains and concrete measures taken by the department in last four months, the number of passengers has increased by over 20 million, which is ample proof of the department's achievement," an official in the Ministry of Railways told APP on Sunday. The official said that the department had taken several steps to end the deficit of the department including the introduction



GILGIT: Assistant Commissioner Gilgit (R) Adil Ali along with Price Control Committee visiting markets and checking the quality and rates of daily usage items.

LESCO recovers Rs 130.67m from 4,808 defaulters in five days

LAHORE (APP): The Lahore Electric Supply Company (LESCO) has recovered a total of Rs 130.67 million from 4,808 chronic defaulters in all its circles during the last five days of its recovery campaign, in collaboration with Tehsildars (Recovery). ALESCO spokesman told the media on Sunday that for the recovery campaign started on September 13, the Lahore Division's Commissioner had assigned additional



LAHORE: Customers selecting and purchasing caps from a roadside vendor.

Govt urges to provide soft loans for solarisation, combatting climate change

ISLAMABAD (APP): Chairman Pakistan Hitech Hybrid Seed Association (PHHSA) Shahzad Ali Malik on Sunday urged the government to offer soft loans for promoting solarisation, mitigating the emerging hovering threat of climate change across the country. Talking to a delegation of industrialists, he said Pakistan, like the rest of the

Academia, industry, progressive farmers agreed to organize Banana Festival at SAU

HYDERABAD (APP): Academia, industry and progressive farmers have started intensive efforts to find a market for agricultural products in Karachi to increase demand and export opportunities for agricultural products in the agro-based industry of this industrial hub of the country, while the stakeholders also agreed to increase the production of banana fiber and other by-products on a commercial basis for access to agricultural products in domestic and international markets. According to a press release issued by the University's spokesperson on Sunday, a high-level meeting of academicians, industrialists, progressive farmers and social

Over 90,000 Pakistanis embark on overseas job quest in August

ISLAMABAD (INP): In 2023, a whopping 540,000 Pakistanis have decided to seek better job opportunities abroad. This trend has been on the rise, with more than 90,000 leaving their homeland in just August alone. People from all walks of life are joining this migration. Among them, there are 232,749 laborers, 118,172 drivers, and even 5,589 engineers, 5,261 accountants, 2,261 doctors, and 1,012 teachers. It's a diverse group looking for a brighter future.

NCP goods worth over Rs 155 m seized in DIK

DERA ISMAIL KHAN (APP): The district police and Customs authorities have seized non-custom paid (NCP) items worth over Rs 155 million here in different actions taken in the limits of Darazinda police station. According to a Police spokesman, a joint team of Darazinda Police Station and Customs Department conducted an operation on Darazinda Road.

Naqvi reviews measures for elimination of smog

Independent Report
LAHORE: Punjab Caretaker Chief Minister Mohsin Naqvi, during a meeting held at his office on Sunday, reviewed measures being taken for elimination of smog.

The meeting decided to make the urban roads dust-free for eradication of smog and roads would be washed for the prevention of smog. A task had been assigned to Lahore Waste Management Company (LWMC) to wash the roads of Lahore while

Deputy Commissioners have been directed to launch a crackdown against those involved in selling substandard fuel.

The meeting was informed that financial assistance will be provided with the collaboration of World Bank so as to make the industries environment friendly. The CM ordered to ensure implementation of Smog Prevention & Control Rules 2023 and sought a comprehensive plan from all departments concerned to bring down

smog at the lowest level. He directed to seal the institutions for two months on committing frequent violation of anti smog policy. An advance affidavit should be taken from the farmers to prevent them from burning the residue of rice and other fields. Mohsin Naqvi directed that Vehicle Inspection and Certification System (VICS) and other relevant institutions should ensure issuance of Transport Fitness Certificate.

Environment experts

put forth their proposals and recommendations in the meeting. Professor Doctor Sajid Rasheed Ahmad Principal College of Earth Environmental Sciences Punjab University said that motorcycle rickshaw was the main cause of environmental pollution. Professor Doctor Sajid Rasheed stressed that a long term policy was essential for the elimination of smog. Kilns should be transferred to agricultural waste instead of coals.



LAHORE: Caretaker Chief Minister Punjab Mohsin Naqvi offering Dua after inaugurating extension project of Police Helpline Centre at Liberty.



PESHAWAR: Advisor to CM on Health Dr. Riaz Anwar addressing a meeting during his visit to Khyber Eye Foundation.

Workers union demand payment of salaries

HYDERABAD (APP): Hyderabad Development Authority (HDA) Mehran Workers Union has deplored that eight employees of HDA's subsidiary Water and Sanitation Agency (WASA) have died in the current year without being paid their salaries. A meeting of the union, chaired by its President Muhammad Azam Rajput in Latifabad here on Sunday, said thousands of workers of WASA, which was responsible for water supply and drainage, had not received their salaries for the last 8 to 9 months.

Rajput said WASA had adopted a practice of not releasing salaries to its workforce until it received some bailout package from the Sindh government once or twice a year.

The Union's General Secretary Muhammad Aslam Abbasi said they demanded that the authorities should put an end to mismanagement which had marred the agency.

He requested the Sindh Government to pay the water and drainage bills which were owed by its government departments.

DC orders PHA to beautify city

FAISALABAD (APP): Deputy Commissioner (DC) Abdullah Nayar Sheikh has directed the Parks & Horticulture Authority (PHA) to evolve a comprehensive planning for city beautification.

During his visit to PHA Complex, he said that the government was contemplating to make Faisalabad a model city. Therefore, the city should be made attractive from all aspects, he said and directed the PHA officials to ensure plantation in a scientific manner in green belts and parks of the city.

Task Force accelerates operation against illegal housing societies

RAWALPINDI (APP): The Task Force formed on the special directives of Commissioner Rawalpindi Division Liaquat Ali Chhatta to take action against illegal housing societies has accelerated its ongoing operations against those violating the rules.

According to a RDA spokesman, the district administration, local police, and Rawalpindi Development Authority (RDA) had jointly launched a grand operation against illegal housing societies, criminals hiding

there, weapons, and their private guards allegedly involved in criminal activities. The Task Force was also taking action against those who had illegal arms and recruited guards without the permission of local police.

The four-member task force, comprising RDA Director General as chairman and Additional Deputy Commissioner Revenue, Superintendent of Police Sadder, and Chief Officer District Council as members, was formed last week, he informed.

PU inks MoU with DRAP on research, training

LAHORE (APP): To enhance mutual cooperation for research and training in the relevant field and to promote mutually beneficial relations, the Punjab University and Drug Regulatory Authority of Pakistan (DRAP) have signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU). PU Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Khalid Mahmood and Chief Executive Officer DRAP Asim Rauf signed the MoU in a ceremony held at the PU. Principal PU College of Pharmacy Prof Dr Syed Atif

Raza, eminent dignitaries from pharmaceutical industry, secretary Provincial Quality Control Board (PQCB) Punjab, community pharmacy, pharmaceutical consultant, regulators and faculty members were present.

According to the MoU, the collaboration would allow the academia to share its research in the field of pharmaceutical sciences, for its appropriate utilisation by the regulator and other organisations.

US diplomat underscores strong partnership between US, people of Sindh

KARACHI (APP): United States Deputy Chief of Mission Andrew Schofer's visit to Karachi underscored the strong partnership between the United States and the people of Sindh. He explored opportunities to enrich development, trade and commercial ties and showcased the strength of our people-to-people relationships, the cornerstone of our bilateral relationship.

As co-host of the second Green Shipping

roundtable, Schofer underscored the crucial role of sustainable shipping practices in mitigating the impact of climate change. The Green Shipping roundtable stakeholders discussed opportunities to reduce carbon emissions in the port, shipping and logistics sectors in Pakistan.

Port authorities, industry, and other key actors in the ports and shipping value chain discussed how to promote environmentally friendly

and sustainable shipping practices and ways to support the Green Shipping Challenge at COP28. Andrew Schofer stated, "Through events like the one today, we are encouraging bilateral dialogue on climate action and exploring innovative solutions to strengthen Pakistan's climate resilience." He praised the attendees' commitment and engagement to support a sector-wide transition to more sustainable shipping practices.

22 bags of banned gutka recovered from car

MIRPURKHAS (APP): A team of CIA police found 22 bags of banned gutka locally called safina betel nut in a car Mirpurkhas on Sunday. According to officials, on the instructions of SSP Mirpurkhas Adil Memon, CIA Police led by in-charge CIA Inayat Ali Zardari, raided the area of Kot Ghulam Muhammad Police Station late at night and recovered 22 bags of banned gutka safina from the car.

Federal health dept for combating dengue in KP

PESHAWAR (APP): The Federal Health Minister has commended the exemplary efforts of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Health Department in combating dengue and has directed other provinces to undertake similar actions.

In a high-level meeting, Federal Health Minister Dr. Nadim Jan praised the effective and timely efforts of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Health Department in

controlling dengue, according to a handout issued here on Sunday. He also emphasized the importance of other provinces adopting measures against dengue similar to those implemented in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

All Provincial Health Ministers, Secretaries, the Director-General of Health Services, and senior health officials of their respective health departments participated online.

International News

Kim invites Putin to North Korea as his Russian trip wraps up

Monitoring Desk
MOSCOW: Kim Jong Un wrapped up his trip to Russia on Sunday, solidifying the close rapport with Vladimir Putin and stoking Western apprehensions over potential arms transactions between Pyongyang and Moscow amidst the Ukraine crisis.

Kim's extensive trip to Russia's far eastern region, commencing on Tuesday, centred significantly on military affairs. His entourage was mostly comprised of military officials, and he engaged in emblematic gestures such as the exchange of rifles with Putin and a tour of a fighter jet manu-

facturing plant in Komsomolsk-on-Amur.

Before his departure, Kim received gifts from a regional governor, including "five kamikaze drones and a 'Geran-25' reconnaissance drone with vertical takeoff," as reported by TASS, the Russian news agency.

The governor of the Primorye region also presented Kim with a bulletproof vest and special attire designed to evade detection by thermal cameras.

On Sunday, a video capturing Kim's departure was disseminated by Ria Novosti, accompanied by a "departure ceremony" at

the Artyom-Primorsky-1 station.

Kim bid adieu to a Russian delegation led by Natural Resources Minister Alexander Kozlov and waved from his train as it embarked on a journey covering approximately 250 kilometres towards the border.

Both Russia and North Korea, historically aligned, are grappling with comprehensive global sanctions - Russia for its involvement in the Ukraine conflict and North Korea for its nuclear tests. Kim's visit, his maiden official foreign trip since the advent of the pandemic.



North Korea's leader Kim Jong Un walking with Russia's Defence Minister Sergei Shoigu as they look at aircraft during a visit to Knevichi airfield near Vladivostok, Primorsky region.

Rescue SDGs to ensure better future for all: UN chief

Monitoring Desk
UNITED NATIONS: UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres Saturday rallied a diverse cross-section of civil society actors to use their passionate voices and energetic grassroots networks to help rescue the anti-poverty Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and fight for the better future every person deserves.

With world leaders set to convene next week for the annual high-level opening of the General Assembly, the UN's complex in New York City was host to an energetic range of actors - from youth groups and women organisations, to mayors, community ac-

tivists, and business leaders - looking to boost support for the Goals ahead of the SDGs summit.

The summit on September 18-19, to be held on the sidelines of the 193-member Assembly's 78th session, will mark the midpoint of the SDGs, between their 2015 launch and their 2030 deadline.

The SDGs are a call to action to end poverty and inequality, protect the planet, and ensure that all people enjoy health, justice and prosperity.

Pakistan's caretaker Prime Minister Anwaarul Haq Kakar, who will address the SDGs summit on Monday, is expected to call

for concrete actions to align financing in support of the SDGs. As things stand, officials said, the Goals and UN member countries' promise when they adopted the 2030 Agenda to 'leave no one behind' are in serious trouble: despite some progress, over the years widespread implementation gaps have emerged across all 17 Goals, which aim to tackle everything from poverty, hunger and gender equality, to access to education and clean energy.

Lagging public interest in achieving the Goals, geopolitical friction and perhaps most critically, the global coronavirus pandemic.

Upheavals in Xi's world spread concern about China's diplomacy

Monitoring Desk
BEIJING: The disappearance of China's defence minister, the latest in a string of upheavals in the country's top ranks, is stoking uncertainty about President Xi Jinping's rule as an internal security clampdown trumps international engagement.

The growing unpredictability could affect the confidence other countries place in the leadership of the world's second-biggest economy, diplomats and analysts say.

Defence Minister Li Shangfu, who has missed meetings including with at

least one foreign counterpart since he was last seen in late August, is under investigation in a corruption probe into military procurement. Reuters reported on Friday. Newly installed Foreign Minister Qin Gang vanished with scant explanation in July, the same month as an abrupt shake-up of the military's elite Rocket Force, which oversees China's nuclear arsenal. As Xi, China's commander-in-chief has focused inward, he caused concern among foreign diplomats this month by missing a Group of 20 summit in India.

Romania plan to boost Ukraine grain transport achievable

Monitoring Desk
BUCHAREST: Romania's plan to double the monthly transit capacity for Ukrainian grain through its Constanta port to four million metric tons in the coming months remains achievable, the country's Transport Minister Sorin Grindeanu said on Friday.

Constanta on the Black Sea has become Kyiv's largest alternative export route, with grains arriving by road, rail or barge

across the Danube.

Ukraine, one of the world's biggest grain exporters, has already exported more grain via Constanta than it did in 2022, though volumes have fallen recently as Russian attacks on its Danube river ports prompt Ukrainian exporters to turn to road and rail routes. Russia, which abandoned a deal that lifted a de facto Russian blockade of Ukraine's Black Sea ports in mid-July.

Poland imposes EU ban on all Russian-registered passenger cars

Monitoring Desk
WARSAW: Poland began to enforce a European Union ban Sunday on all Russian-registered passenger cars seeking to enter the country - the latest in a series of sanctions on Russia in punishment for its war against Ukraine. Under the EU's decision, motor vehicles registered in the Russian Federation are no longer allowed to enter the territory of the 27-member bloc.

Central Khartoum in flames as war rages across Sudan

Monitoring Desk
KHARTOUM: Flames gripped the Sudanese capital on Sunday and paramilitary forces attacked the army headquarters for the second day in a row, witnesses reported, as fighting raged into its sixth month.

"Clashes are now happening around the army headquarters with various types of weapons," witnesses told AFP on Sunday from Khartoum, while others reported fighting in the city of El-Obeid, 350 kilometres south.

Battles between the regular army and the paramilitary Rapid Support Forces (RSF) intensified on Saturday, resulting in several key buildings in central Khartoum being set alight.

In social media posts verified by AFP, users shared footage of flames devouring landmarks of the Khartoum skyline, including the Greater Nile Petroleum Oil Company Tower - a conical building with glass facades that had become an emblem of the city.

Three killed in Turkish drone strike on YBS fighters in northern Iraq

Monitoring Desk
MOSUL: A Turkish drone strike in northern Iraq on Sunday killed three fighters from the Sinjar Resistance Units (YBS), a militia affiliated with the Kurdistan Workers Party (PKK). Iraqi security sources said.

Three YBS fighters were in their vehicle in the Sinjar area when the drone strike hit them, two security sources told Reuters.

Plane crashes in Brazil's Amazonas state, 14 killed

Monitoring Desk
SAO PAULO: Fourteen people on a small jet died when the plane crashed in Brazil's northern Amazonas state on Saturday, the state's governor said.

The accident took place in the Barcelos province, some 400 km (248 miles) from the state capital, Manaus.

"I deeply regret the death of the 12 passengers and two crew members who were victims of the plane crash in Barcelos on Saturday," said Wilson Lima, Governor of Amazonas state on X, formerly known as Twitter.

"Our teams have been working from the outset to provide the necessary support. My sympathy and prayers go out to their families and friends."

The Manaus Aerotaxi airline issued a statement confirming that there had been an accident and that it was investigating but offering no details about deaths or injuries.

"We count on respect for the privacy of those involved at this difficult time and will be available to provide all necessary information and updates as the investigation progresses," the statement said.



Thousands of South Korean teachers rallying for new laws to protect them from abusive parents.

World leaders to address Global South's concern over poverty, Inflation, debt at UNGA session

UNITED NATIONS (APP): Pakistan's Caretaker Prime Minister, Anwaar-ul-Haq, will join nearly 150 world leaders in next week's UN General Assembly to deliberate about key international peace and security issues as well as Global South's concerns over growing poverty, inflation and debt burden.

With the high-level segment of the 193-member Assembly's 78th session beginning Sept 19, hundreds of New York Police Department (NYPD) personnel on Sunday began erecting roadblocks and check points around UN

Headquarters in Manhattan to turn the area into a high security zone to protect the visiting world leaders.

PM Kakar is scheduled to arrive in New York tomorrow at the head of the Pakistan delegation to UNGA. He will address the Assembly on Sept 22, the first Pakistani caretaker premier to do so. Caretaker Foreign Jilil Abbas Jilani will also be here.

In his address, the prime minister will outline Pakistan's perspective on a range of regional and general issues of concern, including the Jammu and Kashmir dispute. He will

also elaborate on the significant measures taken by his caretaker administration to consolidate the country's economic recovery and efforts to mobilize domestic and external investment.

In addition, the prime minister will hold bilateral meetings with counterparts from various countries as well as with the heads of international organizations, philanthropic organizations and corporate leaders. He also has a number of media engagements.

US President Joe Biden, as leader of the host country, will be the second speaker on Tuesday, the opening day of the annual gathering of world leaders who take the pulse of the planet and tackle global challenge.

The list of speakers indicates the presence of 145 Heads of State and Government, 6 Vice Presidents, 4 Deputy Prime Ministers and 38 Ministers or Chiefs of Delegations—a total of 196. This year's theme is "restoring trust and reigniting global solidarity", but the credibility of the UN is currently being undermined by geopolitical conflicts, divisions and paralysis at the Security Council, as economic, humanitarian and climate-related crises continue.



KARACHI: An illuminated view of Kanzul Eman Masjid decorated with colourful lights in connection with Eid-e-Milad-un-Nabi (PBUH) at Guru Mandir area as the nation starts preparation to celebrate in befitting manners.



LAHORE: Members of Tehreek e Labbaik Ya Muhammad S.A.W Pakistan are holding protest demonstration against the Criminal Laws (Amendment) Bill 2023, held at Lahore press club.

PAF contingent concludes participation in multinational air exercise Bright Star-2023

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Pakistan Air Force (PAF) contingent concluded its successful participation in the multinational tri-services air exercise, Bright Star 2023, held at Mohammed Naguib Military Base in Egypt.

This two-week-long exercise brought together a total of 30 countries, including prominent participants such as Pakistan, United States, United Kingdom, Saudi Arabia, Oman, Jordan, Greece and Qatar, said a PAF press release issued here Sunday.

The exercise showcased the exemplary performance of PAF's contingent and its state-of-the-art JF-17 Thunder fighter jets.

This participation not only highlighted PAF's commitment to regional and international cooperation but also underscored its capabilities and prowess to operate in diverse and challenging environments.

Since its inception in 1977 as a bilateral training event between the United States and Egypt, the Bright Star Exercise has grown into

Nawaz Sharif remedy for sufferings of Pakistani people: Hamza

LAHORE (INP): Former Chief Minister of Punjab and Vice President of Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz Sharif (PML-N) Hamza Shehbaz has said Nawaz Sharif is the cure for the sufferings of Pakistan and the people.

Addressing the meeting of party organisational wings, Punjab former chief minister Hamza Shehbaz said whenever the people made Nawaz Sharif the prime minister, the people got relief.

"Nawaz Sharif is the cure for the sufferings of Pakistan and the people as Nawaz Sharif always worked for Pakistan," he said.

The PML-N vice president said Nawaz Sharif was the sure solution to all the problems of Pakistan.

"The plan of honor, exaltation and development of Pakistan lay only with Nawaz Sharif. Nawaz Sharif is the name of service, honor and honesty," he said.

Mushaal expresses concern for continued human rights violations in IIOJK valley

ISLAMABAD (APP): Special Assistant to Prime Minister (SAPM) on Human Rights and Women Empowerment, Mushaal Hussein Mullick on Sunday expressed serious concern over the plight of illegally detained Hurriyat leaders in the Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir territory.

Talking to a private news channel, she urged the United Nations to play an active role in their release and asked India to stop systematic human rights violations in IIOJK.

She said changing the demography of the territory by granting voting rights to Indian citizens in the internationally recognized disputed territory is a big violation of international law.

She said it is highly unfortunate that the Modi regime has closed doors of all peaceful means to resolve the long-pending Kashmir dispute by resort-

ing to the worst kind of extremism and fascism and converting the occupied territory into a military garrison.

She added it is the responsibility of the UN and all relevant Human rights organizations to settle the Kashmir dispute by implementing its relevant resolutions to protect the lives of the people of IIOJK.

Mushaal said the Indian government was prolonging the illegal detentions of Kashmiri political prisoners who have been put behind bars for peacefully struggling for the political resolution of the Kashmir dispute as guaranteed by the United Nations Security Council resolutions. The worsening situation in Indian illegally occupied Jammu and Kashmir needs urgent international attention and the world community must act immediately to protect Kashmiris from Modi's onslaught.

Caretaker CM urges Chairman PARC to introduce modern Agric. techniques to people

ISLAMABAD: The Chairman Pakistan Agricultural Research Council (PARC), Dr. Ghulam Muhammad Ali called on the caretaker Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir Ali Mardan Khan Domki here on Sunday.

During the meeting, the Chairman PARC briefed the caretaker Chief Minister about the steps taken for food requirements in view of the increasing population and technical projects of the Council all over the country including Balochistan.

While speaking on the occasion, Mr. Domki appreciated the services of

PARC and said that its overall performance is satisfactory. In addition to this, it is also necessary to ensure sustainable use of the natural resources by adopting modern technic in all the provinces for increasing the agricultural production, adding he stressed.

The Chief Minister mentioned that a large portion of local people is associated with agriculture in the green belt of Balochistan, but still the production targets are not encouraging.

He stressed that the PARC has to play its role for introducing new modern agricultural techniques

to the people associated with agriculture in the areas. For the purpose, the Council would have the wholehearted support and assistance, he added.

The chairman PARC welcomed the suggestions of caretaker Chief Minister and assured that the service of Council would be expanded to maximum districts of the province.

Meanwhile, the President of Islamabad Crime and Court Reporters Association and Editor Investigation of the prominent media group, Saghir Ahmed Chaudhary also met the caretaker Chief Minister Balochistan the same day.

Ali Muhammad says: 'Govt implementing zero tolerance policy against power theft mafia'

ISLAMABAD (APP): he replied that because of the electricity thieves and those who refuse to pay bills, others have to pay higher bills, adding that we need to stop these practices with the hope that electricity prices may come down.

He further said that the govt focused on improving the management of power-related departments, adding, that we are looking at their board of governors and will make changes in the management.

To another question, the minister said that the ministry had prepared a list of officers who were involved in the theft, adding that involved officers were being reshuffled and they would be removed from field jobs.

He also stressed for bringing reforms into the power sector on a priority basis and highlighting the importance of reforms in the energy sector that reforms were crucial in the energy sector for the economic growth of the country.

Replying to a query,

Punjab govt imposes ban on ex-Pakistan leave

LAHORE (INP): The Punjab government has imposed a ban on the ex-Pakistan leave of government officials.

Punjab Chief Minister Mohsin Naqvi also imposed a ban on foreign leave of heads of educational institutions, and vice chancellors of universities.

A temporary ban has been imposed on the overseas leave of the executives of tertiary care institutions and heads of hospitals.

In this regard, Secretary to Chief Minister Sameer Ahmed Syed issued the notification.

Ex TTP Swat commander killed in IBO

SWAT (INP): Former commander of banned TTP Swat Naik Muhammad alias Naiko was killed in intelligence based operation (IBO) of security forces. According to details, on an intelligence tip-off, Pakistan army and CTD conducted a successful operation at Fizegah in Swat valley. The killed terrorist commander was close accomplice of former TTP Swat Chief Mullah Fazalullah.

He was also the head of team which used to flog women in early days of militancy. Terrorist Commander was also involved in dozens of terror activities against security forces. After operation in Swat, Naik Muhammad had escaped to Afghanistan along with family.

In June 2023, Terrorist Commander led brutal attack on police personnel near Mingora Vegetable Market.

10 to 15 decisions of SC required to be revisited: Irfan Qadir

ISLAMABAD (INP): Former attorney general and prominent Supreme Court of Pakistan lawyer Irfan Qadir on Sunday said that the former chief justice had wrongfully suspended the Supreme Court (Practice and Procedure) Act 2023.

In comments as Justice Qazi Faez Isa has sworn in as the 29th chief justice of Pakistan on Sunday (today), Irfan Qadir said that the incumbent CJP has to redress the decisions taken by the former chief justice of the top court.

The Supreme Court (Practice and Procedure) Act 2023 — a bill that required the formation of benches on constitutional matters of public importance by a committee of

three senior judges will be heard by a supreme court bench on Monday (tomorrow).

An eight-judge bench headed by the former CJP on April 13, had suspended the enforcement of the Supreme Court (Practice & Procedure) Act, 2023.

Irfan Qadir said, he expected that the suspension of the Supreme Court (Practice and Procedure) Act 2023 will be set aside.

He was opined that 10 to 15 judgments are required to be corrected. "I hope Qazi Faez Isa will correct those decisions of the court," Qadir said.

"Justice Qazi Isa has to address division in judges and unify the court," he said. "He has to restore the image of the top court," he added.

Shehbaz, Ishaq Dar to return to Pakistan next week

LAHORE (INP): Pakistan Muslim League (PML-N) President, former Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif and former Finance Minister Ishaq Dar will return to Pakistan next week.

Self-exiled former premier Mian Nawaz Sharif's legal team chief Azam Nazir Tarar left for Pakistan after making an important consultation in London.

Other legal team members and PML-N leaders Zubair Umar and Ata Tarar will leave for Pakistan this evening.

NA Speaker says: Upholding constitution and rule of law supreme; key to socio-economic progress

ISLAMABAD (Online): Speaker National Assembly and Former Prime Minister of Pakistan Raja Pervaiz Ashraf extends warm felicitation to Chief Justice Mr. Justice Qazi Faez Isa for being sworn in as the 29th Chief Justice of Pakistan. In his congratulatory message, the Speaker said, "chief Justice Mr. Justice Qazi Faez Isa is a seasoned and most experienced legal expert." He expressed his hope that judiciary under his maverick and sagacious leadership, would dispense justice while upholding constitution and law of lands supreme.

Speaker National Assembly Raja Pervaiz Ashraf also expressed that all organs of state including Parliament, Executive and judiciary should work in consonance to ameliorate the sufferings of ordinance citizen.



KARACHI: Sunni Tehreek (PST) Chief, Sarwat Ijaz Qadri addresses during ceremony in connection of the 12th Rabi-ul-Awwal Eid Milad-un-Nabi, the birthday anniversary celebration of Holy Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) held at Qadri House in Karachi.

2 students killed as speeding ruck rams motorbike

ISLAMABAD (APP): At least two students of a private university were killed when a rashly driven truck rams into their motorbike on the National Highway, near the Halanaka area in the wee hours of Sunday.

According to details, rescue sources, the victims identified as Hasnain, 19, and Samiullah, were on their way on a bike when the truck rams into their two-wheeler, killing Hasnain on the spot, and injuring Samiullah, a private news channel reported.

AML chief Sheikh Rashid arrested by Islamabad police

ISLAMABAD (INP): Awami Muslim League (AML) leader and PTI ally, Sheikh Rashid Ahmed, was arrested by Islamabad police on Sunday.

As per details, Sheikh Rasheed's counsel Sardar Raziq has confirmed that the AML chief has been arrested by men in plain clothes from his residence.

According to reports, Sheikh Rashid Ahmed's two nephews namely Sheikh Raashid Shafique and Shaikh Umar were also arrested along with him from his house located at Bahria Town Phase -III Islamabad.

His lawyer Sardar Raziq said that it is not known in which case Sheikh Rasheed has been arrested. However, he asserted that they will take the legal route. According to advocate, no single case has been registered against Sheikh Rashid in the Punjab province.

On September 11, National Accountability Bureau (NAB) summoned former federal minister and Awami Muslim League (AML) chief Sheikh Rashid Ahmed in National Crime Agency (NCA) £190 million Scandal or Al-Qadir Trust Case.

According to details, the former interior minister was directed to appear before the anti-corruption watchdog.

Earlier on May 24, Sheikh Rasheed 'skipped' NAB's appearance for a probe in National Crime Agency £190m scandal.



HYDERABAD: Members of Jeay Sindh Mahaz are holding protest demonstration for demanding expelling Afghan refugees from province, held in Hyderabad.



KARACHI: Members of Lund Welfare Association are holding protest demonstration for acceptance of their demands, held at Karachi press club.